



# KENT VIETNAM VETERANS GROUP TO HOST VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

**DOVER — Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America, will host a ceremony to observe Delaware's Vietnam Veterans Day at 10 a.m. on Saturday in the Kent County Memorial Park on South Little Creek Road, Dover.**

**The brief ceremony will begin with an invocation, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Lori Christiansen, whose late father served in World War II.**

**Sam Chick, an Iraq veteran who served with the 101st Airborne Division, will be the guest speaker. His theme will be the common experiences of veterans of all conflicts.**

**The ceremony will include the placement of a brick dedicated to Sr. Airman Elizabeth Loncki, who was killed at age 23 on Jan. 7, 2007, in Iraq by an IED, or improvised explosive device.**

**A plaque listing the names of the major contributors to the original 2009 Vietnam memorial will also be unveiled. The location is also the site of a Gold Star Mothers and Families Memorial unveiled in November 2010.**

**The ceremony will conclude with the reading of the names of the 28 Kent County men lost in Vietnam. Taps will be played by Jake Steele, followed by bagpiper Bill Frantz, who will close the ceremony by playing "Amazing Grace."**

**In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Kent County Levy Court Chambers on the 2nd floor of the County Administration Building at 555 Bay Road.**

**All veterans and the public are invited. Call 697-8384 with questions.**